

REMARKS

The sole rejection in the Official Action is on the ground of alleged non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,110,467 ("the '467 patent"). In response to that rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over the '467 patent. In light of this submission, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants submit that the claims are now allowable, and respectfully request that the Examiner conduct an interference conference so that the Request for Interference submitted on February 10, 2006 may now be acted upon. Because an interference has been requested, Applicants respectfully submit that the further prosecution of this application should be conducted on an expedited basis.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2518.

Respectfully submitted,

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